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Article I

The National Constitution of the Socialist Labor Party and the following By-Laws shall govern the State Organization of the Socialist Labor Party in the State of Connecticut.

Article II

The affairs and activities of the Socialist Labor Party in the State of Connecticut shall be conducted by the State Executive Committee, the State Secretary, the Sections, the State Conventions, and the membership in the State, pursuant to the National Constitution and these By-Laws.

Article III

The State Executive Committee

Section 1. State Executive Committee members shall be Party members in good standing for a period of at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding their election.

Section 2. State Executive Committee members shall be citizens of the United States or shall have filed declarations of intention.

Section 3. The State Executive Committee shall consist of seven members, including at least one member from each Section in the State.

Section 4. Not later than the first day of October the State Secretary shall issue a call for nominations for the S. E. C. Each Section shall nominate not less than two nor more than three members from its own Section, and notify the State Secretary of their names and addresses not later than the first day of November. The members so nominated shall declare their willingness to serve before their names are submitted to the State Secretary.

Section 5. The State Secretary shall have ballots prepared containing the following wording: "Vote for seven of the following nominees, including at least one from each Section." These ballots shall be sent to the Sections not later than the fifteenth day of November. The results of the balloting shall be in the hands of the State Secretary not later than the fifteenth day of December.

Section 6. In addition, and in accordance with the National Constitution, the delegate sent by any foreign language Socialist Labor Federation branch shall be seated by the State Executive Committee, the said delegate to have a vote and voice upon all matters pertaining to the conduct of political campaigns, but shall not participate in decisions pertaining to internal Party matters.

Section 7. Members of the State Executive Committee shall hold office for one calendar year.

Section 8. In the event of a vacancy on the S. E. C., the S. E. C. shall request that the State membership nominate members from the Section deprived of representation by such vacancy, and the voting shall proceed as in a regular election. If the vacancy deprives no Section of representation, the State membership shall nominate members from any Section in the State.

Section 9. The State Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month, the place and date to be set by the Committee.

Section 10. A special meeting may be called at any time by the State Secretary, who shall notify the members in writing, specifying the purpose, not less than three days before the date of such meeting.

Section 11. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for all regular and special meetings.

Section 12. Copies of the minutes of the Connecticut State Executive Committee shall be sent promptly to all Sections in the state, to the National Secretary, and to the National Executive Committee member of this region.

Section 13. Each Section shall render to the State Executive Committee a monthly report of activities within its jurisdiction on forms to be supplied by the National Executive Committee.

Section 14. All Sections in the State shall forward annually to the State Secretary copies of the annual reports submitted to the National Executive Committee as soon as possible after the close of each calendar year.

Section 15. Sections in the State shall give to the S. E. C. such cooperation in the Party's work and activities as is required by the Committee and consistent with the provisions of the National Constitution of the Party and these By-Laws.

Section 16. The State Executive Committee shall elect an Auditing Committee from its own members, and a report of its findings shall be submitted annually to the State Convention, copies of which shall be sent to the Sections of the State.

Section 17. The duties of the State Executive Committee shall be:
(a) to transact the business of the Party within the State, subject to the provisions of the National Constitution and these By-Laws;

(b) to direct the work of the State Secretary, to organize study classes in localities where there are no Sections, to supervise the Party's agitation within the State, to coordinate the activities of the Sections, and to form new Sections;

(c) to carry out all instructions from the National Office and resolutions of the National Convention of the Party when endorsed by the General Vote;

(d) to submit to the general vote of the membership of the State due propositions received from any Section within the State if endorsed by at least one other Section. Such propositions shall be submitted to the Sections for the necessary second within six weeks after being received by the State Secretary, all seconds to be made within one month after date submitted. If the necessary second is received, the proposition shall be submitted within two weeks to the entire membership of the State for a referendum vote and such referendum vote must be returned to the State Secretary within six weeks after having been submitted.

Section 18. The State Executive Committee shall make provision for the proper safeguarding of its funds.

Section 19. All regular sessions of the S. E. C. and any of its committees shall be at all times open to Party members in good standing, such members having neither voice nor vote in the proceedings.

Article IV

The State Secretary

Section 1. The State Secretary shall serve for the duration of the calendar year, from January to December inclusive.

Section 2. Nominations for State Secretary shall be made simultaneously with nominations for the S. E. C., in accordance with Article III, Section 4, each Section to nominate from the State membership no more than one. His election shall take place at the same time as the election of the S. E. C.

Section 3. The State Secretary shall be a citizen of the United States and a Party member in good standing for a period of at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding his election to office.

Section 4. The State Secretary, as well as any or all members of the S. E. C., shall be removable from office upon the applica-

tion of two Sections in the State. The initiating Section shall submit its application, reasons to accompany the application for removal, in duplicate copies to the State Secretary, to all the members of the State Executive Committee, and to the National Secretary. The State Secretary shall forthwith send the application to the other Sections in the State for the necessary second. The second must be made within six weeks of the date the call is issued by the State Executive Committee. If a second is received, the matter shall be submitted to the membership of the State for a referendum vote, and all returns must be made to the State Secretary within thirty days after having been submitted. The vote of the majority of the members in the State shall be necessary for the removal of the State Secretary, as well as any or all members of the S. E. C.

Section 5. In case of a vacancy in the office of State Secretary, the State Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy temporarily, and shall at once proceed to call for nominations and election of a permanent State Secretary. All nominations must be returned within thirty days from the date of the call. Within one week of the closing date of nomination returns, the temporary State Secretary shall issue to the Sections the necessary ballots for a general membership vote and all returns of such election shall be made within thirty days from the date the ballots are issued. The returns of such election shall be tabulated by the State Executive Committee and the elected candidate shall forthwith be formally advised of his election and shall immediately assume office.

Section 6. The State Secretary shall have a voice but no vote in the meetings of the Committee.

Section 7. The State Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence for the State Executive Committee.

Section 8. He shall render to the S. E. C. at all of its sessions a report of his official activities and conduct of office and make such suggestions as he deems necessary.

Section 9. The State Secretary shall forthwith transmit to the Sections a tabulated statement of the results of all elections carried on through the State Executive Committee.

Section 10. At each annual Convention the State Secretary shall render an annual written report, reviewing the activities within the State.

Article V

The Financial Secretary

Section 1. The State Executive Committee may elect from its own membership a Financial Secretary, who shall render to the Committee

a monthly financial report on the financial standing of the State Executive Committee.

Section 2. Sections shall apply direct to the Financial Secretary for dues stamps and exemption stamps.

Section 3. The Financial Secretary shall render to the S. E. C. a written financial report, sending copies of the same to the Sections; and a summary of the same shall be included in the annual report of the State Secretary to the annual Convention

Article VI

The Recording Secretary

The State Executive Committee shall elect from its members one to serve as the Recording Secretary. It shall be his duty to furnish the State Secretary with copies of the official minutes.

Article VII

Conventions

Section 1. The Connecticut State Convention shall be held every year at a place and time to be selected by the State Executive Committee and announced to the membership at least one month in advance of the meeting of the Convention.

Section 2. The State Executive Committee may call a special convention at any time, giving the Sections at least two weeks' notice and informing them of the specific purpose of the said special convention. Any Section of the State may initiate a call for a special state convention through the S. E. C. The S. E. C. shall submit such a call to the Sections of the State for the necessary second. Upon receipt of such second, the S. E. C. shall call the convention not later than thirty days from the date of receipt of same.

Section 3. At all State Conventions each Party member present and in good standing in the State of Connecticut shall have a voice and vote. If the S. E. C. decides it is impractical to hold a mass convention, delegates shall be elected from Sections in the State on the basis of one delegate for every seven members or major fraction thereof; provided, however, that each Section in good standing shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Fully accredited representatives from U.L.F. Language Federations shall be seated as delegates, with vote and voice upon all matters pertaining to the conduct of political campaigns, but they shall not participate in decisions pertaining to internal Party matters, in conformity with the National Party Constitution.

Section 4. The State Executive Committee shall draw up previous to each Convention a tentative order of business for submission to said gathering for its adoption.

Section 5. The decisions of mass conventions shall be effective without submission to referendum vote; but all acts of delegated conventions shall be submitted by the S. E. C. to a general membership vote, and all returns of such vote shall be forwarded to the State Secretary within sixty days after the date the vote are submitted.

Section 6. The term "State Convention" as used in this article has reference to such conventions as are provided for by the National Constitution of the Socialist Labor Party.

Article VIII

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any State Convention, such amendments to be submitted to the National Executive Committee for approval.

Section 2. A Section at any time may move the amendment of any part of these By-Laws by application to the S. E. C. The State Executive Committee shall immediately notify the other Sections of such a move. If within six weeks two additional Sections second the proposed amendment, the S. E. C. shall refer the matter to the National Executive Committee for approval. If approved, the amendment shall be submitted to a referendum vote of the State membership, such vote to close within thirty days. A majority of the members in the State is necessary to carry it.

Section 3. All provisions in these By-Laws in conflict with the National Constitution of the Socialist Labor Party shall be null and void.

The above By-Laws, adopted at the State Convention held April 16, 1939, amended at the State Convention held May 12, 1940, and approved by the National Executive Committee, have been ordered mimeographed by the Connecticut State Executive Committee for the use of the State membership.